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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: reference signs "20" and "23". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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3. Claims ~~1-3~~ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamkin et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0088011).

Regarding claim 1, Lamkin et al. discloses a system for providing information related to a recorded program, comprising: a TV (138); and a digital versatile disk (DVD) player coupled to the TV and including a processor returning recommendations for further viewing based at least partially on at least one viewer preference (Fig. 2), such that the information including recommendations, are personalized to the viewer (paragraph [0063]).

Regarding claim 2, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 1 including that the viewer preference is established at least in part by a DVD played on the DVD player (paragraph [0063]).

Regarding claim 3, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 1 and 2 including that the information and recommendations are presented in a bulletin board screen displayed on the TV (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim 4, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-3 including that the system further comprises an input device manipulable to cause the bulletin board screen to be displayed (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim 5, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-3 including that the system further comprises

a storage accessible to the processor and storing updated bulletin board screens (paragraphs [0035] and [0068]).

Regarding claim 6, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-3 and 5 including that the updated screens are received from a wide area computer network (WAN) (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim 7, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-3 and 5 including that the updated screens are received from a DVD (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim 8, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-3 and 5 including that when the processor determines that the bulletin board screen is to be displayed, the processor first determines whether a corresponding updated screen is in the storage and if so, retrieves the updated screen for display, and otherwise the processor displays a bulletin board screen stored on the DVD (paragraphs [0035] and [0068]).

Regarding claim 9, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 1 including that the recommendations include DVD releases and theater movie releases (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim 10, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 1 including that the information and recommendations are provided in a language selected by a viewer (paragraph [0148]).

Regarding claim **11**, Lamkin et al. discloses a method for providing and recommending audio-video programs and/or content based on a viewer selection of disk-stored content played on a TV, comprising: determining an identity of the disk-stored content; and based on the identity, displaying a bulletin board screen personalized for at least one viewer of the disk-stored content, the bulletin board screen listing at least one recommendation for content other than the disk-stored content (paragraphs [0063] and [0068]).

Regarding claim **12**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 11 including that the bulletin board is selected from a set of screens (paragraph [0068] – the different screens are selected from the links provided on the website).

Regarding claim **13**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 11 and 12 the method wherein at least some screens in the set are periodically updated (paragraph [0068] – the websites would be updated according to the new movies).

Regarding claim **14**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 11 and 12 the method wherein at least some screens in the set are periodically updated over a WAN (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim **15**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 11 and 12 including that at least

some screens in the set are periodically updated using disk-stored content (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim **16**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 11 including that the bulletin board screen is presented in a language selected by a viewer (paragraph [0148]).

Regarding claim **17**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 11 including that the bulletin board screen is stored on a disk along with the disk-stored content (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim **18**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 11 including that the method further comprises displaying the bulletin board screen in response to a signal from an input device (paragraph [0109] – depending on the mode the user sets the bulletin board screen will be displayed).

Regarding claim **19**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 11-13 including that the method further comprises storing the set of bulletin board screens in a storage accessible to a DVD player (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim **20**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 11-13 and 19 including that the method further comprises determining whether an updated screen is in the storage and if so, retrieving the updated screen for display, and otherwise

displaying a bulletin board screen stored along with the disk-stored content (paragraphs [0035], [0063], and [0068]).

Regarding claim **21**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 11 including that the recommendation includes at least one of: at least one DVD release, and at least one theater movie release (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim **22**, Lamkin et al. discloses a system comprising: a TV (138); a disk player coupled to the TV for playing at least one disk having content thereon (Fig. 2); and a processor causing at least one recommendation screen to be displayed on the TV at least in part based on the disk, the recommendation screen including content recommendations personalized for a viewer (paragraph [0063]).

Regarding claim **23**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claim 22 including that the recommendation screen is a bulletin board screen (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim **24**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22 and 23 including that the disk is a DVD and the player is a DVD player (paragraph [0063]).

Regarding claim **25**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-24 including that the processor is held within a housing of the DVD player (Fig. 2).

Regarding claim **26**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 including that the bulletin board screen is in a language selected by a viewer (paragraph [0148]).

Regarding claim **27**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 including that the recommendations include at least one of: at least one DVD release, and at least one theater movie release (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim **28**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 including that the system further comprises a remote control user input device manipulable to control the TV and/or DVD player (paragraph [0113]).

Regarding claim **29**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 including that the system further comprises a storage accessible to the processor and storing updated bulletin board screens (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim **30**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 and 29 including that the updated screens are received from a wide area computer network (WAN) (paragraph [0068]).

Regarding claim **31**, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 and 29 including that the updated screens are received from a DVD (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim 32, Lamkin et al. discloses all the limitations as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 and 29 including that when the processor determines that the bulletin board screen is to be displayed, the processor first determines whether a corresponding updated screen is in the storage and if so, retrieves the updated screen for display, and otherwise the processor displays a bulletin board screen stored on the DVD (paragraphs [0063] and [0068]).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather R. Jones whose telephone number is 571-272-7368. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs.: 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, and every other Fri.: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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